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LOCAL COMPANIES ASK 95-CENT GAS RATE BE CONTINUED

Washington Gas Light, for Itself and Georgetown Co., Files Petition.

GIVES PUBLIC UTILTITIES

Present Price Order Would Ex- see in France. pire September 20-Permanent Arrangement Sought.

The Washington Gas Light Company, for itself and the Georgetown Gas Light Company, today petitioned the Public Utilities Commission to continue the 95-cent gas rate in effect

There is now before the chamber of deputies a bill asking for a grant of 30,000,000 francs (\$6,000,000) to subsidize the national tourist office of France, and it will probably be passed in the District, which, under the commission's last gas rate decision, expires September 20.

The Public Utilities Commission this afternoon announced that it would give a public hearing on the petition Friday morning, September 12. Included in the petition is a request that the utilities board at this time pass on the question of the permanent rate of return to be allowed on the fair value of the companies' prop-

rate, without a limiting date, is sought on the ground that there has been no decrease in the cost of manufacturing gas and no reduction is in prospect.

erties, as found by the commission.

With respect to the establishment of a permanent rate of return on the fair value of the properties, the company refers to order No. 314 of the commission, which says that "the business of manufacturing and distributing gas, as far as risk to the investor is considered, is quite similar to that of manufacturing and distributing electric current for light and power, so that if 7 per cent represents a fair rate of return for an electric power company. a similar electric power company, a similar rate should be allowed for a gas com-

Six Per Cent Deemed Fair.

The commission also was of the opinion that the burdens imposed by the utility and the consumer, and that, until normal conditions are restored, until normal conditions are restored.

NEW 10RE,

1,800 officers and men of the 1st Divilines, steamboat companies and other charged and discriminated against the purpose of forcing the men strike before the matter could joy-seekers totaling 40,000.

No considerable number of excur-

"As a year has nearly passed since the signing of the armistice and demobilization about completed," states try and 1st Engineers were on the the petition filed today, "the company feels that it is now entitled to have fixed a reasonable rate of return on the fair value of its property.

turn on the fair value of its property.

"The private consumer expects and has the right to require adequate and satisfactory service for the commodity furnished by the company; and in view of the small number of complaints received, the company feels justified in stating that the service now furnished to the consumer is satisfactory. In order to continue the service it is necessary that it be allowed a rate of return on the fair value of its property that will provide it with revenues sufficient to meet its bills with promptness, to pay interest bills with promptness, to pay interest on its bonded and other indebtedness. and to pay reasonable dividends to its shareholders."

1919 Earnings Estimated.

Attached to the petition is an exhibit showing the total estimated net earnings of the companies for the year 1919 to be \$540,221.85 (on the assumption that the present 95-cent rate will be continued through the year). This amount, it is stated, is but 5.02 per cent on the combined anding of fair value on the two companies, amounting to \$10,762.000, which does not include any amount for the increased value of materials and supplies and working capital.

The exhibit also shows that if the rate should be automatically reduced rate should be automatically reduced to 90 cents a thousand cubic feet, the rate of return on the fair value of the companies would be but 4.52 per cent \$1 per thousand cubic feet of gas been fixed by the commission, effective with the month of April last, when the 95-cent rate was established, the estimated net earnings for the year ould yield only a 6.28 per turn on the fair value of the proper-

Cost of Gas Goes Up, Is Claim.

At the outset in its petition the company states that the cost of gas at the burner for the seven months ending July 31, 1919, was 75.18 cents, or approximately 10 cents more per thousand cubic feet than for the cor-responding period of 1918. Concern-ing the quantity of gas sold, the peti-

Washington sales show an increase of only .22 of 1 per cent, or practically the same as last year.

"Sales to private consumers only, that is, gas sold at 90 cents and 95 cents, show a loss of .4 of 1 per cent, as compared with the first seven months of 1918." Reference is made by the company to "the inequality and injustice of the District and government rate of 76 cents paid for gas used by them."

ADMITS LOSING; YET WINS

ch is less than the cost of gas at burner."

Cites Cost of Manufacture.

As to the outlook concerning cost of gas manufacture, the company

pate any decrease in the cost of labor, and there are no present indications looking to a reduction in the cost of coal, and, in the opinion of the company, the price it is now paying for oil is about normal.
"With reference to expenses for labor, the company has been able, in

various departments, to reduce the pate in a celebration here last even-number of men employed; but, on the other hand, wages are higher now governor-elect. than they were at the time that the than they were at the time that the \$5-cent rate went into effect, and de-mands are being made upon the com-pany for increase in wages, and fur-ther demands in this respect are an-

this company in April made contracts with various anthracite coal com-panies for a year's supply of coal, contracting in the neighborhood of

France to Provide Tourist Agencies for Battle Area

Official Bureau Will Build Hotels in Regions Devastated by War-Branches in American Cities to Aid Travelers.

By WILLIAM E. NASH.

By Cable to The Star and the Chicago
Daily News. Copyright 1919.,

PARIS Account for the comfort of the tourists PARIS, August 30 .- Existing tour-

cial bureau the job of which will be pocketbook of any tourist listed. COMMISSION MUCH DATA to show American tourists the battlefields on the western front and other points of interest they may wish to

The undertaking is a large one, as expenses can be made beforehand it has to provide transportation and From New York to the battlefields hotel accommodations in districts and return everything can be arwhich are now almost devoid of them. ranged through our agents. The plan was explained to me by the the guides will be demoblized French director, M. Famechon, as follows: "There is now before the chamber

Construction of Buildings.

"This money will be used chiefly for hotel construction in the devastated regions, where everything in the nature of tourist accommodations was destroyed during the war. The buildings will be plain without, but luxurious within. Work has already been begun among the ruins of Ver
"Besides the devastated regions, our parties will visit other parts of France interesting to tourists. This is a work the co-ordination of which cught to have been accomplished even before the war. We expect that both France and America will derive much benefit and satisfaction from it."

tourists.
"We intend to establish branch ofist agencies are to have a rival in the fices in New York, Chicago and other French government.

Recently there has been attached to the ministry of public works an offi
blue in New Trick, Chicago and complete tour of France can be mapped out, steamship and railroad tickets be bought and hotel rooms to fit the

> Accurate Estimates. "Our lists will be strictly adhered

to once the traveler arrives in France. In short, a complete estimate of the "On the fields of combat themselves soldiers, who have passed a special

examination to enter this service. Most of them have fought on the very spots which they will now show to the visitors. A large proportion of them will speak English. "Transportation from the railroad to the battle sites will be provided by comfortable touring cars.

Have Crowds Sufficient to

exodus of thousands of Washingto-

River Travel.

trip were sold out two weeks ago, it was reported. The Calvert, another river steamer, will leave for Colonial

Outings and Picnics. The Anacostia German Orphan Asylum's annual Labor day picnic plans also have been completed, and an en-

tertainment eclipsing those of pre-vious years is expected.

Steel plant workers of the Washing-ton Steel and Ordnance Company also

Hall with the excursionists. The first will leave at 7 in the morning and the next at 10 e'clock. The regular 2 o'clock boat will not run, al-

though the 6 o'clock trip will be con-

Prepare for Steel Cars.

Wooden cars are not likely to be

wooden coaches were on the

Tax Capacity.

the fair value of the companies' properties, as found by the commission. Continuation of the present 95-cent FIRST DIVSION MEN 40,000 MAY SHARE REACH NEW YORK LABOR DAY EXODUS

1,800 Landed After More Rail and Water Lines Will Than Two Years of Service Abroad.

OTHER UNITS SOON DUE SOME NEARBY OUTINGS Intional.

and a detachment of the 28th Infanto make arrangements for the division's reception, returned on the transport Pastores.

List of Detachments. country. At the Union station it was Detachments of the 28th Infantry to return comprised the field and staff headquarters, machine gun battalion, medical detachment and 1st Battalion complete, a total of 40 officers and 1,292 men. The engineering units were the 1st Battalion headquarters, medical, veterinary and ordnance dewith a capacity of 3,000 are ready to tachments and companies B and C, a handle the night crowds.

total of 13 officers and 380 men.

A special excursion tra

Other units of the division are due to arrive within the next ten days on the transports Suwanee, Liberator. Freedom, Amphion, Callao, Santa Teresa and Leviathan, which is expected to carry Gen. Pershing and his staff. Members of the division will be sent to camps around New York pending the return of the last unit, when they will be the guests of the city for two or three days.

Baltimore and Ohio railway will leave the station at 6 o'clock, arriving in Atlantic City at 11 a.m. This train, while it will accommodate approximately 700 persons, has had a call for only 150 tickets up to noon today. The excursion train which left here last week for Atlantic City, on which the wreck occurred at Elwood. N. J., is not listed in the schedules.

Arrangements Made for Parade. Tentative arrangements have been

the head of the procession. Eight transports, carrying 6.763 troops, arrived today from Brest. In addition to the Orizaba and the Pastores they were the Graf Waldersee, lowan, Peerless, Santa Leonora, Henry R. Mallory and Santa Malta, which casuals and small detach ments from the service of supply.

AUSTRIAN DELEGATION

PARIS. August 30 .- The supreme council this morning decided to hand the peace treaty with Austria to the years. which is an increase over 1918 sales of 1.96 per cent; the sales to Georgetown by Washington have, however, been considerable greater this year than last year, and, if eliminated, the Austrian delegation next Tuesday aftof the treaty.

The council concluded its examina tion of the treaty and approved the covering letter to accompany the docu sent printers this evening. Premier Clemenceau presided at the meeting of

IN MISSISSIPPI PRIMARY

JACKSON, Miss., August 30 .- Al though he had conceded his defeat and left Jackson for his home at Pickens. H. H. Casteel, candidate for lieutenant governor, was discovered late yester-day to have been elected to the office over his opponent, John F. Frierson, Tuesday's primary

A message from Jackson reached Mr. Casteel on his way home, and brought him back in time to partici-

OKLAHOMA CITY SECTION DEVASTATED BY CYCLONE OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., August 28. The city hall and Oklahoma State Heark buildings and a number of seis. Wooden cars are not likely to be pressed into service on the Atlantic City excursion train from Washing-ton tonight, it was announced by officials at Union station today. Officials said that every effort will be made to have the train made up wholly of steel cars. The wreck at Elwood, N. J., early last Sunday morning, in which one Washington man was killed and eighteen persons were injured, is believed to have been more serious beleave wooden coaches were on the OKLAHOMA CITY SECTION

50,000 tons at a price of about \$8.95 Bank buildings and a number of resi-for the west station and \$8.53 for the dences t Kowana. Seminole county

PRESIDENT ASKED TO AVERT STRIKE IN STEEL INDUSTRY

Executive Promises Labor Leaders He Will Try to Adjust Trouble.

EMPLOYES INVOLVED

Mr. Gompers and Associates Are Received at White House for Conference.

President Wilson has been asked to use his influence with the officials of the United States Steel Corporation to bring about an immediate adjustment of the trouble between the corporation and steel workers of the country and avert a threatened gen-

According to officials of the A. F. L and to a statement from the White House this morning, President Wilson has promised he will do everything possible to bring about a settlement of the controversy arising from the refusal of Judge Gary to meet representatives of the steel workers or recognize them as a union of organized labor

While nothing has been made public as to the course President Wilson will take, labor leaders feel certain he has already taken initial steps by means of which a strike of the steel

workers may be averted. Received at White House.

President Wilson, at the request of President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, yesterday afternoon received Mr. Gompers and a delegation of steel workers here in consultation with the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, With Mr. Gompers were John Labor. With Mr. Gompers were John Fitzpatrick, D. J. Davis, Edward J. Evans, William Hannon and William Z. Foster of the steel workers' inter-

Plans for the annual Labor day exodus of thousands of Washingtonians have been completed by railway poration in that city were being dis-charged and discriminated against for

ns is expected to arrive in this city A telegram was sent notifying Sec for the Labor day week end. Officials at the Union station declared that the Variation declared that the variation of Labor was endeavoring to get the they expected to handle traffic very matter before President Wilson, and freely both incoming and outgoing, warning the workers warning the workers not to strike until every means to bring about a settlement had been exhausted and but no excursions were scheduled to To Leave for All Points.

Settlement the strike was ordered by the international officers.

It is asserted by leaders of the na-

The week-end crowds will leave the city for all points of the surrounding country. At the Union station it was announced that 110 extra coaches, which will accommodate approximately 7,000 persons, will be added to the normal conveniences for travel, and in addition to these sixty cleaners. in addition to these, sixty sleepers ened.

A special excursion train on the MEN WHO RESUMED WORK THANKED BY PRESIDENT

President Wilson today wrote a Hoboken, N. J., painters' union, thank- was completed last night. ing its striking members for their action in returning to work and adopt-The Norfolk and Washington steam abnormal economic conditions. The er for Old Point Comfort and nearby points will leave tonight with a capacity crowd of 500. Tickets for this through you, to

"May I not express to you and, through you, to your fellow members of Local 78, my admiration of the public-spirited action they have taken, an action which I am sure is Some Voted Not to Return. Beach this afternoon with a capacity, passenger list of more than 400.

Many Washingtonians, unable to secure a river trip to Norfolk from this city, are being advised by transportation men to take trains for Baltimore and a steamer there.

tation men to take trains for Baltimore and a steamer there. The Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis line will not run extra scheduled trains, but coaches will be added at the White House station to the regular trains, in order to accommodate the crowds. The travel on Sunday will be light, railway men declare. The custom in this city, they say, has generally tended to a departure on the Friday or Saturday previous and return Monday night or Tuesday morning. Estimates of light travel on Sunday are based on experiences of previous years. MARSHAL'S SAFE STICKS DEPUTIES AWAIT PAY

Jimmy Valentine Wanted in Renovated Courthouse to Get at Holiday Wage Checks.

Page Jimmy Valentine.

The services of the celebrated The text of the treaty will be printers this evening. Premier ing to Randle Park on Monday. Races, athletic events and other entertainments will feature the program.

The biggest celebration of Labor day in Washington will be the family basket picnic to Marshall Hall by the Central Labor Union, representing 98 locals and 160,000 workers.

Three boats will run to Marshall Hall with the excursionists. The morning by United States Marshal Splain when the bolts of the large iron safe in his office in the renovated courthouse failed to respond after the combination had been worked and the handle to the ponderous door turned.

All efforts to open the safe failed eracksman would have been gladly of the large iron safe in his office in out would be too few in number to the renovated courthouse failed to re- affect conditions materially.

and thirty-five anxious deputies saw their plans for a triple holiday ex-pense fund go a-glimmering. The dis-bursing officer had prepared all the tinued.

Athletic races will feature the exyesterday and had locked them all Athletic races will feature the excursion. To allow workers to enjoy Labor day, practically all stores in Washington will close. Special attractions have been provided by entertainment houses and dancing patients. Washington willose. Special attractions have been provided by entertainment houses and dancing patients. Washington will be opining of the safe would consume at least half a day. Although the office force usually quits at noon the office force usually quits at noor on Saturdays, the majority of them will probably wait around this afternoon to see the results of the expert's labors in the efforts to open the safe.

Florida Adjutant General Quits. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., August 30 .-Declaring that Gov. Sidney J. Catts had continually interfered with the affairs of his office and that it was impossible to serve under the state's chief executive, James McCants, adjufor the west station and \$8.55 for the cast station. The cost of anthracite coal for the year 1919 and up to April, 1920, will be in excess of pre
(Continued on Second Page.)

Bank buildings and a number of residence wooden coatrices where on the dence it Kowana, Seminole county, were demolished by a cyclone early reservations over Sunday urged the traveling public to make early reservations over Sunday and Labor day, as he anticipates heavy travel.

chief executive, James McCants, adjutant.

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YUKON TERRITORY GOES DRY TONIGHT: U.S. WILL PROVIDE DISPENSARIES

DAWSON, Y. T., August 30 .-The Yukon territory goes "dry" tonight, when the law enacted last spring by the Yukon legislature abolishing the saloon becomes effective.

Twenty licensed bars exist in the Yukon, of which ten are in Dawson. A government dis-pensary will be opened at Daw-son and another at White

son and another at write Horse, under the control of Commissioner McKenzie, at which liquor will be sold only by the bottle and during limit-ed hours.

Between now and February a plebiscite will be held a plebiscite will be held throughout the territory to de-termine the future of the liquor

Vote at Los Angeles by Steam Road Employes Was Completed Last Night.

By the Associated Press. LOS ANGELES, August 30 .- Prac

tically all striking steam road en gineers, conductors, brakemen an switchmen reported back to work this morning, following a vote to discontinue their strikes here, which The men agreed to return at meet-

ings held last night, the engineers, ing resolutions in support of the gov- conductors and firemen agreeing first not believe the way to secure a reernment's efforts to relieve present to follow any action taken by the to follow any action taken by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Paris—for they do not believe Shanwhich includes the yardmen and tung is worth it. They would prefer, however, a separate declaration by the United States which would voice dis-

A portion of those attending the

meeting voted not to return to work and held a further meeting. A. F. Whitney, international vice presi-dent of the Brotherhood of Rallway Trainmen, who addressed the meeting, declared, however, the proportion union men failing to return would had e "negligible."
The vote of the meeting also oper

ated to call back to work members of the "big four" railway brother-hoods on strike at San Bernardino and Bakersfield, who had agreed to fol-low whatever action the men took

More Serious at Barstow. Striking railroad employes at Fres

ion officials counted on moving trains through that point. Trains delayed as far east as Albuquerque, N. M., were moving westward this morning and the general feeling of railroad men

worked and the handle to the pon-derous door turned. All efforts to open the safe failed TO TESTIFY TO PROBERS

PARIS, August 30 .- Gen. Pershing has refused to testify before the subcommittee of three of the congressional committee on expenditures by the War Department, which has been conducting an investigation in France.

The general's refusal led to the issuance of a joint statement this afternoon by Representatives Royal C. Johnson and Oscar E. Bland of

the subcommittee, in which regret was expressed that there should be a conflict between the military and civil authorities of the gov In a separate statement, in which Representative Johnson did not join, Mr. Bland declared that the general's action was an example of the "indifference and contempt" shown during the entire war by the War Department toward the wishes of the people and their representatives.

VOTE ON TREATY IN SEPT. FORECAST

BACK ON THE JOB.

Mr. Lawrence Discusses Republican Division and President's Speaking Trip.

SHANTUNG AND LEAGUE

Nearly two months have elapsed

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

since President Wilson brought back the treaty of peace from Europe. And the pact which took six feverish months to draft and bring agreement among twenty nations is still unratified by the United States. Great Britain and Belgium have ratified it, but France is waiting for the United PRACTICALLY ENDS States and so is Japan. The American Senate will vote on the issue within the next thirty days. Looking back the next thirty days. Looking back over the erratic though persistent course adopted by those who sincerely believe the treaty ought not to be ratifled, even though it means a new peace conference at Paris, a survey of the situation today reveals the opponents of the treaty in a much more dangerous position, strategically speaking, than its defenders.

Two weeks ago it was the friends of the treaty who thought their chances of getting the treaty ratified without reservations were slim, but unless the Senate foreign relations committee completely reverses itself the conclusion is inescapable that defeat is in store for the committee on several important points, including Shantung.

Would Put Shantung Up to League There is no question that a large number of senators, including man democratic supporters of the President do not like the Shantung settlement, but it is also true that they do approval and put squarely on the league of nations the responsibility of lifting China out of the clutches

of all the foreign powers who have despoiled her territory and grabbed supremacy so her riches. It is not forgotten that United States. President Wilson when he received the Senate foreign relations committee at the White House took the position past. Mr. Wilson himself admits he league of nations to bring about re- of Irish blood. vision if Japan should not voluntarily

To date scores of changes have been made in the text of the treaty by the Senate foreign relations committee. But when the treaty is reported to the Senate next week it will be read article by article and it will become necessary for the senators to watch. work yesterday. Admittedly the situation at Barstow was serious; men there at last reports having refused to ebey the orders of the international officers to work.

However, the railread administrational conference. Many senators are puzzled. They would like to see certain conference. Many senators are puzzled. They would like to see certain reservations made which do not affect the text itself, but make clear the limit of America's obligations particularly as to the use of force in the future.

> Confident of Beating Amendments. Senator Hitchcock is confident that fought to establish. Senator Hitchceck is confident that as each article is voted upon there will be enough republicans joining with the forty-five democrats to beat every amendment of text that is offered. He doesn't seem to be as sure of getting a two-thirds vote for a ratifying resolution that contains no reservations at all. There's where the light will be close. Some of the reservations proposed would not in the end be unacceptable to the President, for they are apparently regarded by him they are apparently regarded by him as clarifying language already in the treaty and which merely for the sake of caution would be explicitly stated in the ratifying resolution.
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> But as the eight or nine republicans who have stood for amendments of the text of the treaty are defected by

the text of the treaty are defeated by the series of votes which it is admitted now will be against them, the weaken the demand for reservations that are called "reservations," but are in effect amendments of text. would be a mistake to give the im ression that the republican party as a whole is opposed to any league of nations or to an early ratification of the peace treaty. Many wise heads on the republican side of the Senate are questioning the wisdom of the tactics pursued by their eight col-

GIRLS LURED INTO AUTO FIGHT ESCORTS TWO HOURS IN LONELY ROAD

MEMPHIS, Tenn., August 30. -Three girls, the eldest eighteen, were rescued late last night from three young men. who had invited them automobile riding, by Sheriff Pery at a lonely point on the new Raleigh road after two of them, is alleged, had fought their assailants successfuly for two hours, while the third is said to have been less fortunate.
The sheriff, summoned by telephone by a woman living nearby, who heard the girls' screams, arrived, he said, just in time to save one of them in time to save one of them from being thrown over the railing of the high bridge spanning Wolf river. During the fight that followed his arrival, the sheriff related, he at one time faced his own automatic in the hands of one of the youths.

Allen McNamara was arrested and is held in the county iail

ed and is held in the county jail in connection with the attack, and two other young men named by the girls are being sought, the sheriff asserted.

The girls, it is said, were badly bruised and scarred in the fight they gave their es

ASK FOR REJECTION OF PEACE TREATY

Spokesmen for Irish Freedom Say It Establishes British Naval Supremacy.

HEARD BY COMMITTEE

Asking for rejection of the peace treaty, American representatives of the cause of Irish freedom told the foreign relations committee today that the treaty would create a supergovernment against Ireland's interests and would establish British naval supremacy so firmly as to menace the

Daniel F. Cohalan, a justice of the supreme court of New York; Edward nations and the ill-famed holy alli-F. Dunne, former Governor of Illi- ance. Mr. Owen said the argument had that foreign powers would not now be occupying Chinese territory if there had been a league of nations in the ran and others representing various cratic selfishness which surrounded Irish organizations appeared. They the alliance. doesn't like the Shantung award, but said they voiced the sentiments of looks to Japan to right it and the more than 20,000,000 American citizens

Substance of Memorial.

fought, as they were defined by President Wilson. "Ireland has been asserting continuously her claim to independence for eight centuries. One-fifth of the en-tire population of the United States is of Irish extraction. We ask that Ireland be not the only nation ex-

Denounce Article Ten.

ous principles enunciated by Mr. Wil-

"We especially denounce article X of the proposed league of nations as a device to stifle the conscience of civilization and render it impotent to condemn and by condemning to end the oppression of weak nations enslaved by powerful neighbors.

"It impeaches the most creditable page in our history and discredits the circumstances and conditions in which our republic was born and our liberty achieved.

"The galleries always applaud when a senator strikes an oratorical pose and thunders forth his sturdy Americanism. But the senator's Americanism did not prevent him from making an argument at Union College in 1915 in favor of a league of nations. Am I going too far if I appeal from 'Philip drunk to Philip sober'?

"He is not, as he thinks, waging a war against the desires and the hopes of all mankind. Let hopes of all mankind. Let him beware of throwing himself and his blinded partisans across the path We especially denounce article X

only force to which the oppressed can appeal, would no longer be able to take effective jurisdiction of wrongs perpetrated by powerful nations on weaker people. No struggling nation has ever achieved its independence except through the aid of other nations."

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Negroes Aid Roosevelt Memorial. NEW YORK, August 30.-The

Roosevelt Memorial Association an nounced here that special committees Great surprise was caused in political. of negroes had been appointed in every diplomatic and administration circles of negroes had been appointed in every state to raise funds for memorials in honor of the late Theodore Roosevelt. Robert R. Church of Memphis and R. Robert R. Moton, president of Tuskegee Institute, are the negro representatives of the defacto government of Peru. It was indicated that this step was not the association's general committees.

HUN ARMY IS SAID TO BE PREPARING TO INVADE RUSSIA

TWO CENTS.

40,000 Assembled in His Country, Lithuanian Railway Official Says in Paris.

PRETEND THEY INTEND TO AID KOLCHAK FORCES

Talk of Coming Understanding Among Germany, Russia and Japan, M. Steibiko States.

PARIS, Thursday, August 28 (by the Associated Press).-A modernly equipped German army of 40,000 men has assembled in Lithuania and is preparing to march into Russia under the pretense of endeavoring to reach and help Admiral Kolchak, according to Lithuanian sources here.

Word to this effect was brought to Paris by Chief Engineer Steibiko of the Lithuanian railway system, who declared the Germans talked freely of a coming understanding among Germany, Russia and Japan.

Call Themselves "Kolchakis."

In describing the situation to the correspondents M. Steibiko said that the large German forces which had reoccupied Lithuanian territory, from which they have been several times ordered away by both the Lithuanian government and Marshal Foch, were intrenching themselves and preparing for a march through Russia. They call themselves "Kolchakis" and pretend that their immediate object is to reach and co-operate with the admiral's forces.

to reach and co-operate with the admiral's forces.

The Germans have partly evacuated the region, but since August 1, according to M. Steibiko they have been concentrating troops anew in western Lithuania, with their base at Shavif, where they also have established a general staff. Their line of occupation from north to south is Vilkovishki to the mouth of the Dubissa river; thence to Radvilshkis and on to Janishkis.

They are under the ostensible lead-

Janishkis.

They are under the ostensible leadership of the Russian general. Bergman, but their real commander, M. Steibiko declares, is the German general, von der Goltz. They control the railway lines in all the occupied territory. They number 37,000 Germans and 3,000 Russians, all wearing German uniforms.

Pose as Volunteers.

The Germans serving in this arm call themselves volunteers, according to the engineer, and claim allegiance to the all-Russian government, thus pretending to be exempt from orders issued by Marshal Foch or the inter-allied council. Numerous Russian prisoners, he declared, were being sent from Germany to join the army a Shavli, while in the way of equipmen for the army the Germans had brough 380 airplanes, 100 automobiles and one armored train into the territory. Although the Lithuanian govern ment at Kovno had sent many notes to the Germans demanding their with-drawal and the allied officials had ordered them out, they had paid no at tention to the demand, M. Steibiko

MR. LODGE IS ACCUSED OF DISTRUSTING PEOPLE

Senator Owen Claims Anti-Treaty Leader Favored League When Autocracies Ruled

Replying in the Senate today to arguments presented by Chairman Lodge of the foreign relations committee against unreserved ratification of the peace treaty, Senator Owen, stitutions.

Referring to the committee chair-man's parallel between the league of

Promises of "Royal Scoundrels."

"The fact that wars followed the treaty of the holy alliance." he con-Substance of Memorial.

"We citizens of the United States of Irish blood," said a memorial read to the committee, "but attached above all things to this republic and its Constitution, respectfully pray that the proposed treaty now before you be rejected as a direct violation of the principles on which this war was fought, as they were defined by whole world.

Massachusetts is that he really lieves in the rule of the few over the many. He does not believe the people ought to have the right to initiate is of Irish extraction. We ask that laws they want or veto laws they do not want. He looks upon them with less confidence than he did upon the ous principles enunciated by Mr. Wil-son as those which the great war was fought to establish. military autocracies, for the senator favored a league in 1915, when the autocracies were in full flower.

Applause of Galleries.

"The galleries always applaud

his blinded partisans across the path of the righteous judgment of man-

IN RECOGNIZING LEGUIA

SANTIAGO, Chile, August 29 .-